IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v. : 1:20CR328-1

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MANUEL EFRAIN VALLADARES

FACTUAL BASIS

NOW COME the United States of America, by and through Matthew G.T. Martin, United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, and as a factual basis under Rule 11(b)(3), Fed. R. Crim. P., states as follows:

Manuel Efrain Valladares ("Valladares") was born on June 5, 19XX in Talcomunca, Izalco, El Salvador and is a citizen of El Salvador. On or about November 7, 1997, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service ("INS") received two forms from Valladares related to his desire to obtain legal status to be in the United States. His spouse, who at that time was a United States citizen, filed a petition for Alien Relative (known as a Form I-130) with INS on behalf of Valladares. At the same time, Valladares filed an Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status (Form I-485) with the INS, which was predicated on INS approval of the Form I-130 petition filed by his U.S. citizen spouse. On May 3, 2000, INS approved both the Form I-130

petition and the Form I-485 application, thereby granting Valladares status as a Lawful Permanent Resident. His alien file reference number is XXX 507 965.

Valladares has never applied for nor petitioned for United States citizenship. Valladares knew he was not a United States citizen at all relevant times. Valladares, in fact, is not and never has been a United States citizen.

On May 8, 2012, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, Valladares registered to vote.

On November 8, 2016, in Cabarrus County, North Carolina, Valladares voted in the November 2016 election, which was held for the purpose of electing a candidate for the office of President, Vice President, Member of the United States Senate, and Member of the United States House of Representatives, among other positions on the ballot.

On March 22, 2017, Valladares acknowledged to officials with the North Carolina Board of Elections that he had claimed to be a United States citizen in order to register to vote, had in fact registered to vote, and voted in the November 2016 election.

This the 15th day of October, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 15, 2020, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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